

Meeting Minutes

Project: Upper Platte River Basin Water Management Plan– Single Planning Group

Subject: Orient and Prepare Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016

Location: Monsanto Learning Center – Gothenburg, NE

Attendees: See Sign-in Sheet

A. Introductions – Led by Stephanie White, HDR

B. Why Are We Here? – Presentation by Jennifer Schellpeper, IWM Division Head, NeDNR

- Statutory Authority
- Current Basin-wide Plan
- Basin-wide Plan IMP Relationship

C. Process Plan – Led by Stephanie White, HDR

- Public Participation Plan –
 - Questions arose about whether this process would build upon previous efforts or would start the process over completely. Jennifer reassured the group that there is currently a plan in place and this effort will build upon its success and looked for lessons learned.
 - Several members would like to identify the difference between current and fully appropriated as it would help to inform targets for the second increment.
 - NRDs have made progress, and members would like to see how this progress compares to the first increment goals.
 - Clarification was made that this group would set new goals for the second increment.
- Roles & Expectations – Future meeting dates were shared with the group. The expectation is that all Single Planning Group members (or an alternate) will be present at all meetings. Several members have conflicts with the July meeting and no alternate will be available. Stephanie will have a separate orientation for those who cannot attend in July prior to the September meeting.
- Administration – Suggestions included:
 - Larger font
 - Black and white exhibits
 - Improve on sound/acoustics
 - Share info at least 7 days in advance (digital format) plus provide hard copies at meeting
 - Send link to website

- Decision-Making

D. Next Steps – Led by John Engel, HDR

- Each NRD summarize the goals/objectives/action items from Basinwide Plan. What goals/objectives were achieved? What were the failures? Include perspectives from FWS, for instance. “True up” information – what info was available then vs. today

E. Public Comment – No comments.

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Kevin Derry			
Thomas Downey			
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Judy Eggleston			
Bernard Fehringer			
Dave Fisher			
Richard Gatch			
Pat Heath	City of Gering		
Keith Koupal	NE Game & Parks		
Ervin Kramer	City of North Platte		
Don Kraus	CNPPID		
Galen Larson	Platte Valley Companies		
Tim Luchsinger	City of Grand Island		
Roric Paulman			
Joe Pepplichtsch	City of Lexington		
Larry Reynolds	Tri-Basin NRD Board		
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